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SCHOOL REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS:—In compliance with law and custom it becomes our duty to report the condition of our schools the past year: So far as we are able to judge from our short acquaintance more than usual progress has been made in the majority of Districts. This fact we attribute mainly to the employment of experienced teachers, and the interest taken and encouragement afforded by the parents and friends of the pupils.

The instruction, in our largest schools at least, has been practical, and more attention has been paid to thoroughness than to the mere memorizing a little here and there for a show at examination.

The corps of teachers employed the past year has been largely of a high order, and we congratulate the prudential committees upon their selections. We rate it the poorest of poor economy to employ cheap teachers. If the "best is cheapest" in anything, it certainly is in this. If we have a house to build, we naturally look about us for some one skilled in the art of building—if we have children to educate we should none the less employ persons who know how to go to work to accomplish what they undertake. We have strongly recommended that each pupil occupy a portion of the time each day in writing, and we are happy to report that the suggestion has been generally adopted, and that the books, exhibited at the close of each term, show that great improvement has been made in this direction. In the History, little has been accomplished. We are fully convinced that in our common schools, too much importance is attached, and

too much time devoted to Arithmetic, and too little to Reading, Writing, and History. In this land of republican liberty where every citizen is, by his own right, a ruler, is it not important that the young should be taught something of the trials, the bravery and endurance, of our fathers in the great struggle for civil liberty ; History is a wise counselor, and a knowledge of it cannot fail to elevate the patriotism of the rising generation. We know the time for study is short and the requirements many ; but, the less time we have, the more it becomes our duty to teach our children that which will be of the most benefit to them. One suggestion we wish to make is that each district procure a suitable Dictionary, and keep, and *use* it in the schools. At nearly every visit we have made we have noticed frequent, (and in many instances uncorrected) mispronunciation of words. To most scholars these common schools afford their greatest opportunity, hence it is of the first importance that they learn here to read and speak the English Language correctly. In the matter of text books we have saw fit to order but one change, viz : the Franklin series of Readers for the series now in use. We think this a move in the right direction. The old books, a good enough one withal, has served its time in our school. The scholars have become familiar with its contents by long use and take little interest in reading what they have read and heard read so many times. With a new, fresh, sparkling series like the Franklin, their interest in this important branch of learning will be revived, and the results will many times repay the small expense. And the expense of the change is really small, as many would be obliged to buy new books of the old series, and those having the old books, no matter how badly worn, can exchange them for the new ones at half price.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Primary department.

Both terms were taught by Miss NELLIE JACKSON.

Miss Jackson evinced much aptitude in teaching young scholars, and was the right teacher in the right place. Both terms in this department were an entire success, and we doubt not this statement will coincide with the opinions of the many citizens present at the examinations.

Grammar department. Summer Term. Taught by
MISS MYRA McILVAINE,

There was much dissatisfaction with this school expressed; we were called upon twice to visit it on account of bad order and unruly scholars. Miss McIlvaine labored hard and tried to do her duty by her scholars, and under a little different circumstances would have made the term a successful one. We fully believe in corporeal punishment, but we think its infliction should be firm, certain, and with no regrets, afterwards expressed, to destroy its effect.

Winter Term. Mr. F. B. ADAMS, Teacher.

We found the order at the close of the term very good. Mr. Adams is entitled to much credit for his labor in behalf of this school. The classes in mathematics made good progress; in grammar and geography fair. The progress in other branches, except reading, was satisfactory, the performance of the reading classes we rate as quite poor, lacking interest, expression and force. This school needs a thorough drilling in this branch, which evidently it has not had in this or any terms past. Complaint was made from time to time that some of the scholars did not learn; we think, however, that they made some improvement in the direction of orderly behavior—and, if this was the most, it may have been their own fault and not the fault of the teacher.

The success of this term was somewhat marred by the presence of one or two young fellows who seemed to have no sense of manly conduct or due proprieties of a school room. They should have been summarily expelled for the benefit of the rest of the school, and had we been called upon to interfere we certainly should have taken this course.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This is one of the very best schools. We congratulate the Prudential Committee on his choice of teachers. Miss F. H. Nesmith, teacher of the first and third terms, needs no praise at our hands. Having the confidence of the people and the entire respect of the scholars, her efforts were successful. We entered this school for

one of the premiums offered by Pro. J. E. Vose and D. H. Goodell Esq., through the Oak Park Association, for the best common school. Though several other towns entered schools for the premiums, we have the pleasure of announcing that this school took the first premium, a set of books valued at \$40. Miss Nellie L. Allds, who had charge of the second term, is a teacher of much experience, and labored here to a very good purpose. Harmony and order prevailed in her school, and, at the closing examination, the general feeling was one of mutual satisfaction.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The first term of this school was taught by Miss Kate Preston; we found the order very good, and, at the close of the term, noticed a fair improvement in all the branches taught.

The second term was taught by Miss F. H. Nesmith. At the close of this term we found that more than usual progress had been made. The second class in reading and the class of beginners in grammar are worthy of special mention.

The third term of this school, under the charge of the same teacher, is still in session. That it will be a successful one is a forgone conclusion. We cannot too highly commend Miss N's management and method of instruction.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

First Term. Taught by Miss Alma Shattuck. Found only five pupils at our first visit, but they were studious, orderly and well advanced. At the close we found more pupils, and that a marked improvement had been made,—in arithmetic and reading especially. Miss Shattuck's labor here was well worthy of her hire. The examination afforded us much pleasure, and we regard this as one of the best schools we have had in town.

The Winter Term was under the charge of Mr. James P. Tuttle of New Boston. Mr. Tuttle is a young man of good address and much energy, and, as a teacher, proved himself qualified to take up this school where Miss Shattuck left it. We regard his labor here as successful. At the closing examination we found the order good. The arithmetic class recited by topic and showed familiarity with

their subjects. Improvement made in reading is also worthy of mention.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term. Taught by Miss Ida McIlvaine. This was her first attempt at teaching. The order was not such as we like to see in a schoolroom, however, some progress was made. The primary classes in reading and arithmetic did quite well.

Winter Term. Taught by Miss Emilie M. Colburne of New Boston. Miss Colburn is a teacher of experience and ability, and her method of instruction is practical. We found the order good at the beginning and close of this school, and we think the progress made was such as to satisfy all.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

First Term. Taught by Miss Alma Shattuck. Visited this school at the commencement; classes showed average attainments. Order not the best. Received no notice of the close of this term, hence cannot report progress.

Second Term. Same teacher. At the commencement of this term we found the order good, the scholars studious and in a fair way for a prosperous term. At the close we found that the order, to all appearances, had been kept up to the standard, and that a general improvement had been made. Miss S. proved herself an efficient teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

First Term. Taught by Miss Addie E. Woods. This was Miss W's first attempt at teaching. We think she was successful in keeping order. This school was small and backward. One small class in history pleased us much with its intelligence and interest in the subject. This term closed in a pouring rainstorm, and we were unable to attend.

Second Term. Taught by Miss Mary W. Cooledge. Miss C. is a beginner in the art of teaching, and her chief lack is in keeping

order, which is the first requisite of a schoolroom. We found here too many classes. Illness and the state of the weather prevented us from attending the close of this term.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Both terms were taught by Miss Lucy A. Dow. This was Miss Dow's first school, but she proved a very efficient teacher, and gave general satisfaction to the district. This school is small and backward, and evidently has had poor drilling heretofore. However the progress made in the brief time of this year was quite noticable.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Only one Term. Miss Mary E. Whitely teacher. This school was very small and consisted entirely of young scholars. About the usual progress was made.

The Union District with this town and Hillsboro' had but one term. Miss Addie Woods of Hillsboro' teacher. This school was under the supervision of the Committee from Hillsboro.

Respectfully submitted

CLARK B. COCHRANE.

Superintending School Committee.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

SUMMER TERMS.

Districts.	Length.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Tardiness.	Visits by			Cost for each Scholar.	Wages of Teacher per month.
					S. S. C	P. C.	Citizens.		
1P.	12	37	30	94	2	4	90	\$2 11	\$26 00
1G.	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	30	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	72	3	5	33	2 70	30 00
2	16	34	31	18	4	2	78	4 07	34 56
3	18	28	25	35	4	2	67	4 26	26 50
4	8	9	7	14	2	0	16	2 77	13 00
5	7	13	12	51	2	0	13	2 69	20 00
6	8	19	16	48	1	1	30	2 32	22 00
7	6	8	7 $\frac{2}{3}$	29	1	2	7	3 75	20 00
8	Union		Dist no	Regi	ster	re	turned.		
9	6	9	8 $\frac{1}{3}$	19	2	1	22	3 33	20 00
10	7	7	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	1	0	6	5 00	20 00

WINTER TERMS.

1P.	12	39	34	75	2	2	25	\$2 46	\$32 00
1G.	12	46	37	227	2	3	49	2 93	45 00
2	9	37	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	20	2	1	38	2 43	40 00
3	9	24	21 $\frac{5}{8}$	23	1	1	12	3 00	32 00
4	11	19	11	10	2	0	59	5 66	35 00
5	9	16	17	64	2	1	14	3 79	32 00
6	8	23	19	77	2	0	10	1 91	22 00
7	7	12	11	9	1	2	16	2 91	20 00
9	7	10	7	19	2	0	0	3 50	20 00

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The amount of taxes committed to Andrew D. White for collection,	\$7288 57
Interest on taxes,	17 73
	<hr/> \$7306 30

Paid as follows :

By Sundry receipts from Treasurer,	\$7161 10
“ Non-resident highway tax worked out,	34 93
“ Taxes remaining in Collector's hands,	110 27
	<hr/> \$7306 30

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

From the Treasurer of 1874,	\$2379 06
Collector of 1875,	7161 10
Savings Bank tax,	1398 68
Railroad tax,	4 96
Literary fund,	111 37
Insurance tax,	13 50
Collector for 1874,	38 11
Interest on taxes of 1874,	2 38
From County,	20 62
	<hr/> \$11,129 78

Credit as follows :

By Interest paid on Town Bonds,	\$ 976 88
Town orders paid,	3862 74
Town Bonds “	2700 00
State tax “	1424 00
County tax “	733 39
Remaining in Treasury,	1432 77
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	\$11,129 78

SCHOOL ORDERS.

Morris Christie & J. T. Balch, Dist. No. 1	\$390 83
Samuel A. Holt, “ “ 2	248 07
Charles H. Griffin, “ “ 3	165 76
Granville M. Duncan, “ “ 4	129 05
William R. Carr, “ “ 5	75 96
James Wood, “ “ 6	53 92
Lawson C. White, “ “ 7	71 79
Benj. F. Dustin, “ “ 9	43 46
Joshua T. Stowell, “ “ 10	38 56
James A Tuttle, “ “ 13	29 15
Thomas Shea, “ “ 14	10 03
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	\$1256 58

POOR ORDERS.

Alfred H. Greeley, boarding paupers,	\$301 50
Lewis Simonds, boarding Jesse Combs,	87 50
County, boarding and clothing A. J. Curtis,	182 50
I. G. Anthoine, medical attendance for R. Atwood,	9 00
Reed P. Whittemore, paid for N. B. Swett,	5 00
L. B. Curtis, sawing wood for Mrs. A. J. Curtis,	10 50
W. R. Carr, aid for Sarah Sawyer,	10 41
A. Fairfield, goods for “ “	7 36
A. Fairfield, goods for Mrs. Curtis,	28 37
William Stacey, house rent and aid to Mrs. Curtis,	18 45
Grafton Curtis, aid to Mrs. Curtis and children,	30 03
C. B. Cochrane, goods for paupers,	6 04
Morris Christie, medical aid to Mrs. Curtis,	7 75
“ “ “ “ “ Sarah Sawyer,	2 50
G. P. Little, goods for Mrs Curtis,	5 95
H. L. Lawrence, hard wood for Sarah Sawyer,	5 00
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	\$717 86

BREAKING ROADS

			322 59
Daniel McIlvin,	\$ 9 72	Chandler Butterfield,	14 43
Nathan D. Curtis,	7 65	Joshua T. Stowell,	42 54
Henry D. Chapin,	10 80	Edward Z. Hastings	15 45
Josiah Loveren,	9 15	F. G. Smith,	31 05
Daniel McIlvin,	13 71	James Boyd,	20 56
Freeman Pelsy,	21 72	G. B. Woodbridge,	29 54
Robert B. Hopkins,	32 40	B. F. Dustin	28 20
William M. Conn,	24 25	James A. Tuttle,	19 00
James A. Tuttle,	13 40	James Wood,	19 20
George Turner,	15 89	Samuel Dinsmore,	15 60
Chas. A. Whittemore,	21 82	Franklin Perry,	14 92
A. H. Greeley,	31 26	J. P. Arthur,	2 70
Charles Appleton,	33 75	Clark Hopkins,	5 95
G. G. Hutchinson,	27 75	George A. Cochran,	8 90
Noah C. Ferry,	9 45	Almus Rogers,	3 15
Frank J. Wilson,	10 20	Frank Robinson,	6 60
George Brown	9 00	Samuel M. Thompson,	7 75
Reed P. Saltmarsh,	5 37	Charles Appleton,	4 27
Hosea Dutton,	15 30		
			\$612 40
	\$322 59		

TOWN ORDERS.

William M. Sargent, printing reports for 1874,	\$16 00
Reed P. Whittemore, printing bills and expense to Manchester,	6 50
Reed P. Whittemore, blank books and stationary,	9 00
Reed P. Whittemore, overtax in 1874,	5 95
Luke W. Hill, bolts for Cork bridge, 1874,	6 50
George E. Colby, bridge plank,	22 00
Reed P. Whittemore, paid on case Parsons vs Antrim,	95 00
Alfred A. Miller, work on Forest road,	26 00
Henry D. Chapin, plank and stringers,	2 55
David P. Bryer, bridge plank,	22 00
Ed. J. Thompson, printing receipts and bills,	1 80
Josiah Loveren, bridge plank and work,	26 06
Josiah Loveren, lumber and labor on road in 1874,	28 71
Abbott F. True adm'r. services as S. S. Committee in 1874	70 00
Granville M. Duncan, labor on Turnpike,	26 00
Fred L. Nay, four guide boards,	6 00
James Robb & Co., bridge plank,	3 09
T. S. Worthly, work on road and Powder,	3 60

William Stacey, sheep killed by dogs,	8 00
Luther M. Wilkins, repairing culvert,	50
B. F. McIlvin, work on Keene road,	29 08
James A. Tuttle, repairing culvert,	7 30
Alvin R. Barker, work on highway in Dist. No. 9	6 79
William R. Carr, services as sexton,	7 50
Reed P. Whittemore, appraising real estate and recording same	50 00
Reed P. Whittemore, expense while appraising real estate,	7 00
Miles B. Tuttle, appraising and recording real estate,	50 00
Alfred A. Miller, " " " " "	50 00
Reed P. Whittemore, blank books and stationary,	2 50
James D. Mathews, plank and work on Forest road,	8 00
Oren K. Carr, labor on highway,	17 03
Joshua T. Stowell, labor on highway,	3 00
George G. Hutchinson, labor on highway,	6 75
H. A. Rogers, " " " "	9 64
Hosea E. Dutton, " " " "	13 50
G. M. Duncan, sheep killed by dogs in 1874,	4 00
James W. Perkins, bridge plank,	1 32
George E. Butterfield, repairing bridge,	2 00
George E. Butterfield, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
Ira Holmes, " " " "	4 00
Ira Holmes, bridge plank,	3 26
Almus Fairfield, Book case,	15 50
Simon Story, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
J. Dow Clement, labor on highway,	3 60
Isreal Wellman, sheep killed by dogs,	2 00
William Weston, labor on Forest road,	4 00
W. R. Cochrane, in part for compileing History of Antrim,	50 00
Almus Fairfield, services as Town Clerk,	12 00
Almus Fairfield, notifying Selectmen of jury meeting,	3 00
Almus Fairfield, notifying jurors,	7 50
Almus Fairfield, recording births and deaths,	5 75
Almus Fairfield, use of room,	2 00
G. G. Hutchinson, services as sexton,	9 50
G. G. Hutchinson, chopping ice,	2 92
M. & J. G. Wilkins, repairing road,	2 80
Almus Fairfield, Town Treasurer,	40 00
George F. Parmenter, services as Police,	4 00
C. B. Cochrane, services as S. S. Committee,	60 00
William Curtis, watering place,	3 00
T. S. Worthly, labor on road,	1 25
G. F. Parmenter, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
Miles B. Tuttle, repairing bridge,	3 30

John Emery, watering place,	2 00
N. W. C. Jameson, use of room,	2 00
C. F. Holt and E. T. Adams, services as Constables,	4 00
Reed P. Saltmarsh, services as sexton,	10 50
Henry M. Barker, repairing bridge,	2 00
T. M. Paige, drawback on property burned,	11 96
J. T. Stowell, repairing roads,	3 75
Imla Wright, watering place,	3 00
Willie J. Newman, care of Town House and repairs,	7 25
Andrew D. White, services as Collector,	35 00
M. B. McIlvin, labor on highway,	79
John Pike, dead dog,	1 00
Hiram Dodge, " "	1 00
Freeman Pelsy, " "	1 00
Ed J. Thompson, printing,	1 00
A. A. Miller, exp. to Concord to attend Ass'rs Convention,	3 66
H. B. Hopkins, drawback on poll tax,	1 66
Frank Cooledge " " " "	1 66
Alfred A. Miller, services as Selectman,	61 00
Miles B. Tuttle, " " "	59 00
Reed P. Whittemore, " " "	83 75
Reed P. Whittemore, " " Overseer of Poor,	36 50
Reed P. Whittemore, boarding Selectmen,	10 00
Reed P. Whittemore, blank books, postage and check list,	6 87
Nathan C. Jameson, use of room,	1 50
A. B. Crombie, services as Auditor,	5 00
James W. Perkins, services as Auditor,	5 00
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	\$1275 90

FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

Whole amount of Bonds outstanding,	\$13800 00
Other debts estimated at	35 00
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Whole amount of liabilities,	\$13835 00
Remaining in the Treasury	\$1432 77
Remaining in Collector's hands,	110 27
Due from sale of Poor Farm,	200 00
Due from County,	10 50
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Whole amount assets,	\$1753 54
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Whole amount of town debt,	\$12081 46

Debt diminished in 1875,

\$1851 81

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CROMBIE, }
JAMES W. PERKINS, } *Auditors.*

REED P. WHITTEMORE, }
ALFRED A. MILLER, } *Selectmen of*
MILES B. TUTTLE, } *Antrim.*

REPORT

OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Whole cost of poor, as per town orders,

\$717 86

Andrew J. Curtis is at the County farm at an expense of \$3 50 per week. Mrs. Curtis and two children are receiving aid as will be seen by the report. There was twelve dollars reported due the town from Mrs. Barker's Guardian last year which proves to be an error.

One word about the new pauper law, it has necessarily increased the labor of the Overseer of the poor the past season, and has been the cause of removing very many unfortunate and aged people from their native towns and all that makes life dear, and placed them in a position which would be dreaded by almost everyone.

I think the law an outrage upon all the finer sensibilities of humanity and should be repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

REED P. WHITTEMORE, *Overseer.*

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